

MOTION

No. 7

Sustainable agriculture

Peter Bevan-Baker gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Michele Beaton, the following motion:

WHEREAS agriculture has been a prominent aspect of the Island economy, society, and identity for generations;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing success of this sector is critical for the continued health and prosperity of both rural and urban communities;

AND WHEREAS sustainability refers to long-term strength in environmental, social, and economic areas;

AND WHEREAS farm incomes have been volatile in recent years;

AND WHEREAS significant environmental pressures are being felt across Prince Edward Island as a result of some current farming practices;

AND WHEREAS climate change has already had a dramatic impact on Island farmers and will continue to do so in the future;

AND WHEREAS the many challenges faced by Island producers have had a detrimental effect on the mental health of many farmers and their families and communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to adopt an agricultural plan that supports Island farmers in forging a prosperous and sustainable future, economically, socially, and environmentally, for farming on Prince Edward Island.

Signed: Peter Bevan-Baker

Signed: Michele Beaton

Date: 26 February 2021

Supporting documents

Department of Agriculture and Lands. (2019). Total net income of farm operators:
https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/publications/af_stat_tab3.pdf